

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of April 10, 2006. This Amendment is submitted on July 10, 2006.

The Examiner rejected Claim 16 which is amended to conform to the requirements of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-13 and 16 under 35 USC § 102(e) over Murphy, Jr. et al. (US Pat. No. 6,006,266). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by the Office.

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 4, 14, and 15 under 35 USC § 103(a) over the combination of Murphy and Lambert (U.S. Pat. No. 6,193,153). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by the Office.

Claims 1-16 are pending after entry of the present Amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 112

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph for lack of proper antecedent basis. Claim 16 has been amended to correct the lack of antecedent basis.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 102(e)

Claims 1-2, 5-13 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) over Murphy. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the rejection because Murphy does not teach all of the elements of Applicant's claimed invention.

Murphy teaches that the connection between the browser and server terminates and the workstation gateway maintains the illusion that the browser is logically connected to the application even though every transaction between the browser and server disconnects (col. 8,

lines 19-23). Murphy also teaches that the virtual connection is maintained between the server and the browser until the browser logs off (the user disconnects from the browser) or an inactivity timeout value is exceeded (col. 8, lines 23-28). As taught by Murphy, if a client session has been inactive too long or the client logs off, the child job makes the session available again for new clients (col. 17, lines 21-24). There is a distinguishable difference between the termination of a virtual connection made between the server and the browser as taught by Murphy and Applicant's claimed invention.

Applicant's claimed invention allows a user to disconnect from a human interface device (HID) and maintain an active session associated with the user. Please note that the user is disconnecting from the HID and not necessarily the HID from the data source. After the user disconnects from the HID the active session associated with the now disconnected user can be maintained on the data source. Using the teachings of Murphy, when a user logs out or is timed out the virtual and non-virtual connections to the server are terminated and the session becomes available for new clients (col. 17, lines 21-24). Murphy does not teach, even construing Murphy broadly, "maintaining an active session associated with a user" when the user is disconnected from the HID.

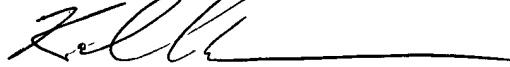
Murphy teaches disconnecting a browser or client from the server after every transaction while maintaining a virtual connection and severing the virtual connection upon timeout or the client closing the session. Additionally, Murphy teaches that a session that has been timed out or closed by a client is made available for new clients. Because Murphy does not teach all of the features found in Applicant's claimed invention, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be removed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 103(a)

Claims 3, 4, 14, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy and further in view of Lambert. Lambert discusses the use of acquiring biometric data. The teachings of Lambert do not add the missing elements from Murphy to teach all elements of Applicant's claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the rejection because, as argued above, Murphy does not teach all of the elements of Applicant's claimed invention. A notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6911. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SUNMP554). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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